

NOTE

Brachycerocoris camelus Costa (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae: Podopinae) in
India: New Country Record

In a recent paper on the Asian species of *Brachycerocoris* Stål, the distribution of *B. camelus* Costa was given as Sri Lanka and China (Schaefer, O'Donnell, and Patton 1996, *Oriental Insects* 30: 203). I have now found in my own collection a specimen from Coimbatore, Madras State, India, which is 250–300 miles (about 50 of them water) from Sri Lanka. The specimen was collected October 16, 1953, and remains in my collection. It closely resembles the specimens of *B. camelus* described from China in Schaefer et al. (op. cit.), differing only in several features. The matted setae of the Chinese specimens are rubbed off on part of the abdominal sterna of the Indian specimen, revealing the deep reddish-brown of the cuticle itself. The following tubercles are broader, lower, and more rounded in the

Indian than the Chinese specimens: medial tubercle on pronotum (Indian: tubercle length 11% of body length, height 67% of tubercle length; Chinese: 7% of body length, height equal to length), and the medial tubercle on the scutellum's posterior (Indian: tubercle length 13% of body length, height 43% of tubercle length; Chinese: 11% of body length, height 67% of length); the tubercle between the eyes is slightly more rounded in the Indian specimens than in the Chinese specimens.

This specimen represents a new country record, India.

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